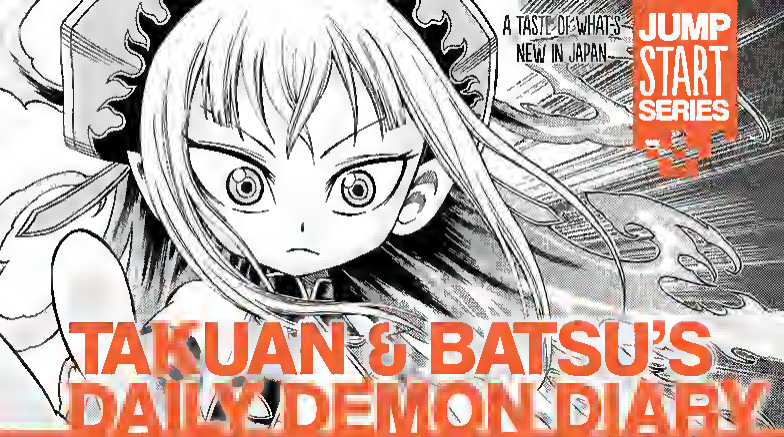
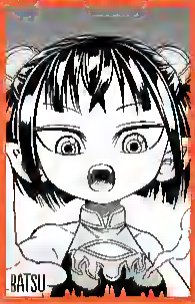


TAKUAN & BATSU'S DAILY DEMON DIARY

BY KENTARO ITANI

The Gates of Hell have been opened! Because of King Enma's tragic murder, all hell's literally broken loose and now demons are invading the world of the living to possess humans! Batsu, King Enma's daughter, has made it her mission to capture these demons and restore order to Hell!



PREVIOUSLY IN *TAKUAN & BATSU'S DAILY DEMON DIARY*:

Takuro Tsukumo, aka Takuan, just wants to live a plain, common life. Ever since his mother's horrific death, Takuan's learned to not only appreciate, but truly love the everyday aspects of life. However, his peaceful days are upset by the appearance of Batsu, who has come searching for runaway demons! While the two of them team up to take down a frog like demon, it's revealed that Takuan himself is possessed by an ogre! Wanting to take advantage of his ogre powers while keeping an eye on him, Batsu takes Takuan on as her minion! Now the unlikely duo are hunting down demons to restore order in Hell and to protect the daily lives of innocent citizens!

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK IN THE **WEEKLY SURVEY!**

JUMP START!
A TASTE OF WHAT'S NEW IN JAPAN
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TAKUAN AND BATSU'S
DAILY DEMON DIARY
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I BECAME A MINION TO BATSU, THE DAUGHTER OF KING ENMA
IT'S BEEN A FEW DAYS SINCE WE SOLVED THE FROGMAN CASE
WHAT THE HECK'S AN OGRE PUSH-UP?!
FINE TURN INTO AN OGRE AND DO 100 OGRE PUSH UPS
ONLY 123 MORE BATSU PUSH-UPS TO REACH YOUR GOAL OF 200
AND NOW I'M UNDERGOING HELL TRAINING
I CAN'T EVEN DO 200 REGULAR PUSH-UPS!
AND STOP WIGGLING!
WIGGLE WIGGLE
WIGGLE WIGGLE
GONNA DIE
SHAKKA
THAT'S WHEN YOU IMAGINE THAT THIS LITTLE NEEDLE MOUNTAIN IS YOUR MOTHER'S KILLER, SO YOU GIVE IT A HUNDRED GOOD HEADBUTTS
YEAH, ABOUT THAT WHOLE REVENGE THING... I'M OVER IT!

MY FATHER, KING ENMA, WAS MURDERED
KING ENMA
YOU DO THAT WHILE I EXPLAIN OUR JOB
NO, I GOT IT... BATSU-UPS!
NEXT IS BATSU SIT UPS. SIT BATSU...
POP
ALL THAT ENERGY SPENT ON THE NAME AND NO EXLANATION ON FORM!
NOW THE DEMONS OF HELL ARE CREEPING UP TO EARTH.
EARTH
DEMONS
HELL
SINCE THEN, ALL SENSE OF ORDER IN HELL HAS BEEN LOST.
THEY POSSESS MALICIOUS HUMANS AND GRANT THEM POWER.
MALICE
THOSE HUMANS CAN THEN TURN INTO MONSTERS AND USE THEIR POWERS TO BECOME CRIMINALS.
OUR JOB IS TO HUNT DOWN THESE CRIMINALS, PASS JUDGMENT ON THEM AND SEND THEM BACK TO HELL.
HEH HEH HEH...
STOP DRAWING ON MY STOMACH! THAT TICKLES!
PLUS I CAN'T SEE!
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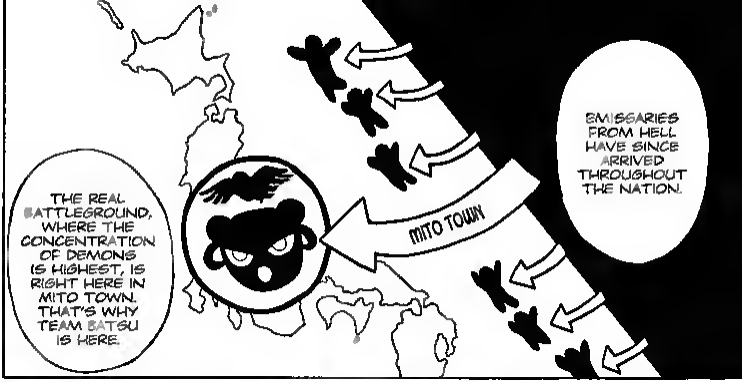
SHK SHK


EMISSARIES FROM HELL HAVE SINCE ARRIVED THROUGHOUT THE NATION.
MITO TOWN
THE REAL BATTLEGROUND, WHERE THE CONCENTRATION OF DEMONS IS HIGHEST, IS RIGHT HERE IN MITO TOWN. THAT'S WHY TEAM BATSU IS HERE.

OUR GOAL IS TO CATCH ALL THE DEMONS AND RESTORE ORDER IN THIS TOWN.
SO WHO'S ON TEAM BATSU?
ME
RUI
...AND YOU, TSUKUMO
YOU DREW ME AS A PIECE OF POOP, DIDN'T YOU?!
I CAN'T SEE BUT I CAN TELL FROM HOW IT FELT

FATHER'S DEATH HAS LEFT US QUITE SHORTHANDED DOWN IN HELL...
RUB
もみ
...SO I NEED TO TURN YOU INTO AN EXEMPLARY MINION ON THE DOUBLE.
NAH, WE DON'T NEED YOU.
RUB
もみ
CONTINUING SHOULD BE NO TROUBLE IF YOU TURN INTO AN OGRE
RUI, YOU JERK!
AND STOP THAT, BATSU! I'M AT MY LIMIT
PLOP
CAN NOT.
WORSE
グラッ
WAHHHHHH!

SHP
ナゴ
I SEE. YOU CAN'T TURN, CAN YOU?
ニッ
YOU PERFORMED EXACTLY 77 BATSU PUSH-UPS.
I MUST NOW PERFORM 77 TSUKUMO PUSH-UPS FOR ORDER TO BE MAINTAINED.
WE CAN'T TRULY BEGIN OUR WORK UNTIL YOU CAN TRANSFORM INTO AN OGRE AT WILL.
YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR OGRE TRANSFORMATION YET
RIGHT. I'M NOT SURE HOW I EVEN DID IT IN THE FIRST PLACE
WHY'RE YOU DOING THE PUSH-UPS NOW?
NOW THEN...
THE ONLY TIMES IT'S HAPPENED SO FAR...
WERE WHEN I REALLY WANTED TO KILL SOMEONE

FOR YOUR FIRST ROUND OF MINION TRAINING...
A GAME OF HELL TAG!

NO CAN DO I'VE GOT SCHOOL NOW
OH RIGHT. TODAY IS TRASH DAY
BETTER PUT IT OUT
AND DON'T THINK I'LL BE KIND ENOUGH TO LET YOU CATCH ME WITHOUT TRANS-FORMING
PLIP

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE
YOU NEED TO CHOOSE ANY ONE ITEM THAT I POSSESS.
AND STEAL IT FROM ME WHILE IN OGRE FORM.
EVEN MY BONBORI HAIR DECORATIONS.
HUH?

*SEAL BOND
LET THE TRAINING BEGIN!
POW
結
BUT THE TRA-AAA-ASH...

DUHHH
CHMP CHMP
YOU MUST CONFRONT THE HATRED WITHIN YOURSELF... YOUR HATRED FOR THE ONE WHO RUINED YOUR EVERY-DAY LIFE
STILL... EVEN SO ..
EVERYTHING'S PRETTY PEACEFUL NOW
1—3

IF YOU DON'T ACCOMPLISH THIS SOON, I WILL PERSONALLY MAKE YOUR DAILY LIFE A LIVING HELL.
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID..BUT WHAT'S SHE PLANNING, ANYWAY?

HEYA, TAKUAN. I SEE YER EATIN' YER OWN KIND NOW
CRAM IT, YOU JERK

YO THAT WAS
THAT WAS YOU...
NO, I SWEAR, IT WAS NOT

BRRRAP

COULD IT... COULD IT BE...?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE ASHAMED. FALSELY ACCUSING ME LIKE THAT!
YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG!
NO WAY IT WAS THE CHAIR, SEE?
SKF SKF
SCREEE
NOPE. THE SOUND CLEARLY CAME FROM YOU.
SOME-ONE'S DESPER-ATE.
W-WHAT'S GOING ON? IS MY BUTT STILL INTACT?!
I PUT A BOND BLOODG-MENT ON YOU.
WHEN I SENT YOU FLYING.
POP
*SEAL BOND
BINGO! IT WAS ME.
GUHHHHH!
SLINK
SLINK
NOW THERE'S A POR-TAL...
...CON-NECTED TO YOUR REAR.
LUNGE
LUNGE

SEE? IF YOU DON'T STEAL SOMETHING FROM ME SOON...
...YOUR NICKNAME WILL CHANGE FROM T. KUAN TO SASSY-ONE.
IS THAT HOW YOU'RE GONNA DESTROY MY DAILY LIFE?
ズボ POP
CRAP!
ARGHH!
ズボ POP
IMPOSSIBLE, UNLESS YOU TURN OGRE
ズボ POP
TM! TMP TMP TMP
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W-WAIT!
UNOOH!

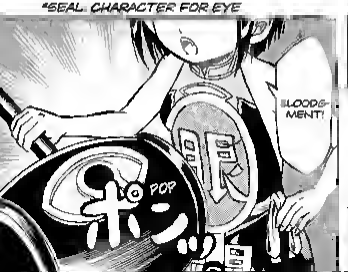
RUSH
IT WASN'T TSUKUMO...
HUH? DID SOMEONE JUST PASS BY...?
SHP
SHP
AH!

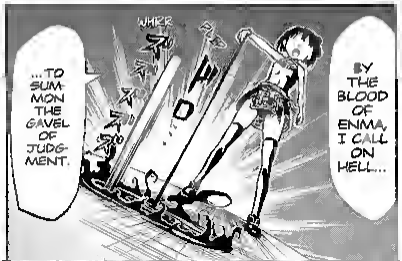
H-HUH?
WHA-?!
S-SORRY I CHARGED AT FULL SPEED CUZ I THOUGHT YOU'D WARP AWAY AGAIN
YOU'RE NOT HURT, RIGHT?
H-HOLD ON
TRAIN ING'S CAN CELED, TSUKU MO!
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT NOW!
HUH?
EEEEEP!
!!
WHAT?!

!!
OH!
FUWSH
WHAT WAS THAT?
ANOTHER HUMAN POSSESSED BY AN DEMON?
W-WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
WELL... UH THERE WAS A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND, AND...
WIND?
SO IT DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO THEM?

NO MERCY
LET'S SEND THAT DEMON-POSSESSED HUMAN STRAIGHT DOWN TO HELL.
WHY'RE YOU RUNNING SO WEIRD?
チョコ TUP
チョコチョコ TUP TUP
ZUGOSH
EEEEEEK!
SO FAST WHAT IS IT?
A TYPE OF SCYTHE WEASEL NATIVE TO HELL.

*SEAL CHARACTER FOR EYE





EYE-BALL HELL
HOOH
...AND REPORT ON HIS LOCATION.
GLUG GLUG GLUG
NOW I CAN SEE ALL AROUND THE SCHOOL...

WHAT MADE YOU THINK NOW WAS THE TIME TO DRINK SOME TEA?
I ESPECIALLY NEED IT AT TIMES LIKE THIS WHEN I NEED TO CALM DOWN.
BESIDES, HE'S JUST RUNNING AROUND, RIGHT? NO HARM DONE
GRK
GRK
TSUKUMO... PLEASE USE YOUR OGRE POWERS TO APPREHEND HIM.
HUH?

MINI EAR HELL!
MINI MOUTH HELL!
JUST GET GOING!
*SEAL EAR/MOUTH

NOW I CAN INFORM YOU ONCE I'VE FOUND HIM.
EVER HEARD OF A CELL PHONE?
I DON'T HAVE ONE
WE WILL CATCH HIM. AND WHEN WE DO, I'LL SKIN HIM ALIVE AND TURN HIM INTO A NICE PURSE.
YOU'RE SCARY, ENMA...

HMPH!
HMPH!
WHAT HAP-PENED, ANYWAY? SHE'S TOTALLY LOST IT.
THERE. THAT ROOM.
TMP TMP TMP TMP

GAHHHH!
!!
SHM
TCH!
YOWCH
SKUP
YOU... PERVY TAKUAN!
PERVY TAKU-AN?!
THEY WERE ALL CHANG-ING
OH!
HUH?
RMBBS

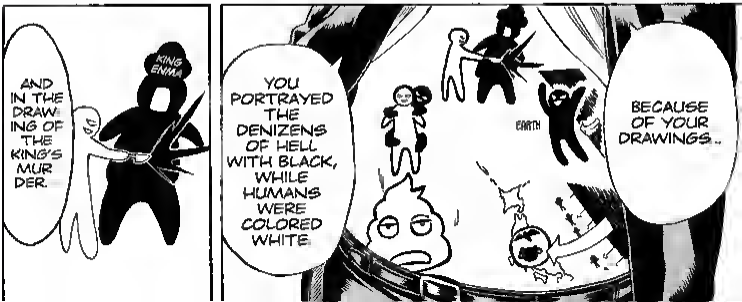
SHE CALLED ME "PERVY TAKUAN"...
CAN WE GO BACK TO REGULAR "TAKUAN," PLEASE...?
AS I SAID, YOU MUST USE YOUR OGRE POWERS.
WORRY NOT. I CAN ALWAYS VOMIT FROM THAT MOUTH TOO, IF NEED BE.
WOEBE
AHAHA
GET BACK! AWAY FROM ME!
TOO MANY VIEW-POINTS..
IF I USE EYEBALL HELL FOR TOO LONG I GET NAU-SEOUS
UEP..
YOU GONNA BE OKAY?
I'M SORRY.. I'VE LOST TRACK OF HIM.
WOEBE
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?
PLEASE HOLD ON A MINUTE
CRAP THE INK'S BLEEDING INTO MY SHIRT...
AH BATSU'S SCRIB BLES FROM THIS MORNING
HM?
SHEESH
HUH?

EARTH
WIND
SHUFOR
PLEASE HURRY
TCH!
AH!
I'VE FOUND HIM, TSUKUMO HE'S ON THE ROOF

STOP RIGHT THERE!
BAM
バーン
GULP!
HE JUMPED RIGHT OFF!
I'M HEADING FOR THE GROUND FLOOR NOW, BUT...
HEY... BATSU...
FWOOSH
AH!

..WAS A HUMAN, RIGHT?
THE ONE WHO MURDERED KING ENMA..

..!! ..... HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?


AND IN THE DRAWING OF THE KING'S MURDER.
KING ENMA
YOU PORTRAYED THE DENIZENS OF HELL WITH BLACK, WHILE HUMANS WERE COLORED WHITE.
EARTH
BECAUSE OF YOUR DRAWINGS..

THAT'S CORRECT. MY FATHER'S KILLER...
...WAS A DEMON-POSSESSED HUMAN.

SO YOUR EVERY-DAY LIFE WAS ALSO...
フラ フラ
...RUINED BY HUMAN MALICE
UHP...

UNTIL EVERY LAST DEMON IS CAUGHT AND JUDGED...
...BAITSU CAN'T RECLAIM HER EVERYDAY EXISTENCE.

SO I'LL...
FLIK
ズ!

THAT'S A LOT FOR YOU, ISN'T IT?
HUH?

EVEN SO
YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO SAVE ME, A HUMAN

I'LL JUST HAVE TO CATCH THEM.
SWHER
WHOOSH

TITAN ARM! CAP-TURE!!
ドゴォ!!
STAMP
HUH? YOU'RE THE OLD JANITOR, AREN'T YOU...?
FLAP
ヒラ
AND WHAT'RE THESE...?
P-PANTIES?
FSSHH
ワワワ
H-HEY, I'M NOT THE BAD GUY HERE
THEY SHOULDN'T BE WEARING SUCH SHORT SKIRTS.
I.
I WANTED TO STEAL EVEN MORE
CHOMP
THAT MALICE BECAME AN OUTLET FOR YOUR CARNAL DESIRES
CAUGHT IN THE ACT...
YOU ARE HEREBY SENTENCED
PANTY THIEF.
PUP
ゴポ
GLOOP

NEVER AGAIN WILL YOU RECEIVE PLEA-SURE FROM THE THOUGHT OF PANTIES.
AAAARGH!

HOW ABOUT YOU ATTEND SCHOOL HERE?
OH THE SURFACE ANYWAY. YOU CAN FOOL THEM.
FIRST, WE CAST A NET TO GATHER INFORMATION ALL OVER TOWN...
HEY.
SO YOU SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFORMED INTO AN OGRE.
WE CAN NOW BEGIN OUR WORK IN EARNEST.
UGH... ATTACKING PANTIES...
FOAM FOAM
SO THAT YOUR TIME ON EARTH, STARTING NOW...
..CAN AT LEAST BE A LITTLE MORE RELAXING A LITTLE MORE NORMAL.
BORING DOWNTIME IS IMPORTANT.
YES, OF COURSE. MANY HUMANS FROM THIS TOWN CONGREGATE HERE.
IT SOUNDS BORING, THOUGH.
I'D LIKE TO SHARE A BIT OF MY EVERYDAY WITH YOU.
HM?
PUMP
!!
YOU'VE PASSED YOUR MINION TRAINING WITH FLYING COLORS. RETURN THOSE AT ONCE!
THAT'S HOW I LEARNED TO CONTROL MY OGRE POWERS... TO AN EXTENT
KA-POW
GAHHH!
!!
TO BE CONTINUED...